Corrupt practice for siphoning off money from NREGA funds

399. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received some cases/complaints of corrupt practices like making fake muster roll, work contract process etc. for the purpose of siphoning off money from National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (NREGA) funds;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of steps taken or proposed to be taken for strict and transparent implementation of NREGA programme in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. A total of 80 cases/complaints from 13 States have been received regarding misuse of NREGA funds. Details of these cases are being collected.

(c) To ensure transparency in the implementation of NREGA, the programme is reviewed and monitored on regular basis. Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have been set up at State as well as district levels. Village level Vigilance and Monitoring Committees have also been set up for local monitoring. Section 17(2) of the Act provides for regular Social Audit of all projects by Gram Sabhas. National level Monitors (NLMs) and Area Officers visit various districts to oversee the progress of the Act. Members of the Central Employment Guarantee Council also undertake field visits to various districts.

Pauri Satyakhal Dehalchouri-Srinagar road in Pauri Garhwal under PMGSY

400. SHRI RAJ NATH SINGH: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long demand from the villagers of Patty-Edwalsyun, District Pauri Garhwal, Uttarakhand regarding completion of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana between Pauri-Satyakhal-Dehalchouri-Srinagar road;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government is aware that a number of representations have been submitted by the villagers of the area to the State Government as well as Central Government but no action has been taken in this regard; and

(d) the reasons therefor for non-completion of this road and action being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid down on the Table of the House.